

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

#17/Pret V. Day. FICE 12/1/98 In re Application of: Group: 1102 LEADER et al. Examiner: T. Tung Serial No.: 08/648,676 Filed: May 16, 1996 A SENSOR CARTRIDGE FOR A For: FLUID ANALYTE ANALYZER **Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231 Dear Sir: **AMENDMENT**

Preliminary to the First Official Action, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 35, line 15, change "a third" to -an encasement material reducing-, and change "third" (second occurrences) to -encasement material reducing--.

Page 35, line 17, change "third" to -encasement material reducing-.

IN THE CLAIMS

(Four Times Amended) A sensor cartridge for a fluid analyte analyzer, including

a sensor assembly, including:

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